

## Office of Building & Code Department

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## **CITY OF WAUKEGAN**

## HARDSURFACING REQUIREMENTS

Driveways and off-street parking areas shall be hard-surfaced, dustproof paving and constructed to meet the following specifications as to finish, pitch and strength, except as otherwise authorized by the building commissioner or city engineer:

- 1. Generally. Expansion joints shall be located as required unless otherwise specifically authorized by the city engineer.
- 2. Materials; depth for street rights-of-way. On street rights-of-way, a minimum seven inches Portland cement concrete or a minimum seven inches asphalt shall be used, over a minimum four inches compacted gravel base course.
- 3. Materials, depth for private property. On private property, five inches of portland cement concrete or six inches of full depth asphalt on a compacted base or two inches of asphalt over six inches of compacted gravel shall be used.
- 4. Culverts. Where the driveway extends from a street with a drainage ditch, a culvert not less than 12 inches in diameter shall be installed, unless otherwise authorized by the city engineer. The culvert shall be located so as to permit the uninterrupted flow of stormwater along the drainage ditch. A larger culvert may be required by the city engineer if needed to allow an adequate flow of stormwater.
- 5. *Curbs.* When a driveway extends from a curbed street, the curbs, where required, shall be removed and depressed. The gutter line shall be maintained so as not to interfere with the normal flow of stormwater.
- 6. Flaring of parkway. Except for streets having a curbline sidewalk, the parkway portion of the driveway may be flared two to three feet on each side from the property line to the street. In no instance, however, may the flared portion extend into the parkway or other portion of neighboring lots. The entire flared portion of the driveway must be contained on the parkway adjacent to the driveway owner's lot.
- 7. Driveway widths. Driveway widths are subject to the following:
  - a) Single-family and two-family residences. All driveways shall be not less than nine feet nor greater than 22 feet in width unless otherwise authorized by the building commissioner.
  - b) *Multifamily residences, commercial, industrial and other uses.* All driveways shall be not less than nine feet nor greater than 36 feet in width unless otherwise authorized by the building commissioner.
    - All measurements shall be made at right angles to the flow of traffic.
- 8. Leveling required where driveway crosses sidewalk. That portion of a driveway which crosses a sidewalk must be kept as nearly as practicable on the same grade as the walk adjoining, so as not to interfere with the safe use of the sidewalk by pedestrians.

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